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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Harijan Welfare Department incurred expenditure on the provision of house-sites, pathways, wells, etc., and on the educational facilities of Harijans and Harijan Christians including those workers employed in the Tanneries during the years 1946–52 and up to 31st December 1952. But no separate figures in respect of these items for those working in tanneries are compiled and are not consequently available."

Irrigation works in Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam divisions.

* 979 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the total allotment for the irrigation works under the Food Production Department in the State for the year 1952–53;

(b) what is the total amount spent so far on irrigation works this year; and

(c) what is the amount sanctioned for Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam divisions in particular?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Rs. 179 lakhs.

" (b) Rs. 161 lakhs.

" (c) Visakhapatnam Rs. 6,24,400 and Srikakulam Rupees 5,71,600."

Medical aid to Non-Gazetted officers.

* 980 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether under the scheme of free medical aid to non-gazetted Government servants, free aid is given to them in non-Government medical institutions; and

(b) whether under that scheme the Government propose to reimburse at least the medical expenses of non-gazetted officers incurred in payment to the private practitioners specializing in certain diseases like tuberculosis, malaria, cancer, etc.?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The concessions granted to non-gazetted officers and their families are applicable to them only when they undergo treatment in State medical institutions. If, however, there is no Government Hospital, a Government servant may undergo treatment in a non-Government medical institution on the advice of his official medical attendant and the charges realized by the institution will be defrayed on his behalf by the Government.

" (b) The answer is in the negative."

Exemption to commercial establishments in Anakapalle from the operation of Shops and Establishments Act.

* 981 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether

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it is a fact that an order has been issued by the Government exempting all commercial establishments situated in the Gandhi Market, Anakapalle (Visakhapatnam district), from the provisions of Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, and if so, why?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" On a representation made by the Anakapalle Merchants' Association, the Government made enquiries and ascertained that in Anakapalle, one of the biggest jaggery exporting centres in the State, the jaggery market opens at about 10 a.m. and closes at about 9 p.m. during the jaggery season (i.e.), from 1st November to the end of April every year. The Government therefore exempted all commercial establishments situated in the Gandhi Market, Anakapalle, from the provisions of section 13 (1) of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, for the period commencing on the 1st November and ending with the 30th April subject to the condition that no commercial establishment shall be opened on any day earlier than 8 a.m. or closed on any day later than 10 p.m. The establishments have not been exempted from any other provisions of the Act."

Fire-fighting engine for Pattukkottai.

* 982 *Q.*—SRI M. MARIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to sanction a fire-fighting engine for Pattukkottai?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative."

Extensions to Kadiri Hospital building.

* 983 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were made by the public of Kadiri taluk to the Government for the construction of new hospital buildings and for the extension of the present hospital buildings at Kadiri in Anantapur district for maternity;

(*b*) if so, whether any allotment is provided in the Budget for 1952–53; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 32,300 was provided in the budget for 1952–53, but out of this, a sum of Rs. 32,000 was resumed that year due to curtailment of expenditure on capital works. A provision of Rs. 50,000 has been made in the budget for the current year (1953–54).

" (*c*) Does not arise."